Suspected ISI agents arrested in U.P.

†802. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years in which involvement of ISI of Pakistan is suspected together with the number of ISI agents arrested;

(b) the details of the arms, explosives and narcotics seized; and

(c) the steps taken to check these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) During the last two year, 13 cases of espionage and 6 other terrorist related cases were detected resulting in arrest of 49 persons (including 5 Pak nationals) and killing of 4 Pak nationals.

(b) Three AK series rifles, one gun, two IEDs, three AK magazines one LCV, two grenade launchers (AK), 26.25 Kgs. explosives-RDX and others including 34 detonators and 584 cartridges, time pencils and wireless sets etc. were recovered.

(c) In order to check activities of ISI and terrorism, the Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups by well coordinated intelligence based operations. From time to time, the Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about threat perception with regard to the activities of militant groups. Assistance is provided by the Central Government to the States by way of deployment of para-military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State Police Forces. As a result of the coordinated efforts by the Central and State agencies, a number of Pak backed espionage and other modules have been detected/neutralized.

Violations of human rights

803. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether violations of human rights have been reported from Uttaranchal area over the disappearance of two activists of People's

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Union for Democratic Rights agitating for rehabilitation of Tehri Dam oustees;

(b) if so, whether any complaint to the effect has been lodged with the National Human Rights Commission; and

(c) whether NHRC has investigated into the violation and the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) No complaint has been reported to the National Human Rights Commission from Uttaranchal area over the disappearance of two activists of People's Union for Democratic Rights agitating for rehabilitation of Tehri Dam oustees.

Closing down of rehabilitation camps in Gujarat

804. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any firm study of the measures of relief and rehabilitation adopted in the wake of the Gujarat riots last year for providing shelter to the riot-victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rehabilitation camps and relief shelters have been finally closed down and the last of the riot-affected refugees have been persuaded to return to their homes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the measures proposed to be adopted to send the victims back to their homes by inspiring confidence in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government had erected 1,71,465 Sq. feet area of shade and shelters wherever required and also provided 45 tents for relief and rehabilitation of riot-victims in Gujarat.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. During the peak period on 15th April, 2002, there were 121 camps sheltering 1,32,532 inmates in various parts of the riot